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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (substitute form). This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by the petition fee and certification as specified under § 1.97(e). Applicant respectfully petitions and requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by

making appropriate notations on the attached form. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), copies of the patent documents and non-patent literature are attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Applicant is supplying a copy of the Japanese Office Action for cross-referenced application 10/949,186 (not the instant case.) Applicant notes that the Japanese Office Action has not been generated under U.S. law and therefore has little, if any, applicability to the instant case. However, the Japanese Office Action is being cited to the Examiner for the sake of completeness and courtesy.

Applicant is supplying a copy of the Great Britain Examination Report for cross-referenced application 11/417,898 (not the instant case.) Applicant notes that the Great Britain Examination Report has not been generated under U.S. law and therefore has little, if any, applicability to the instant case. However, the Great Britain Examination Report is being cited to the Examiner for the sake of completeness and courtesy.

Each document listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent Office in a counterpart foreign application and this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. In lieu of a statement of relevance of the non-English documents, an English language version of a search report

from the foreign Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Form PTO-1449 (substitute)

Cited References:

1 Japanese Office Action

1 Great Britain Examination Report

4 Foreign Patent References

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